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LARGE DIVIDEND

Republic Stockholders, 100 Per Cent Dividend Distributed

MANY AGENCIES ADDED

Western Dealers Enthusiastic Over Truck

The annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Republic Truck company was held Tuesday afternoon, February 9. This was the most important meeting of stockholders that has been held since the organization of the company and a dividend of 100 per cent which was recently declared, was distributed among the stockholders.

The company has progressed very rapidly during the past year. A new building has been secured and the daily capacity of cars greatly increased. The officials of the company are very enthusiastic over the prospects for 1915. The western territory has been greatly built up and many dealers have been secured.

The company was very well represented at all of the large automobile shows that were held at New York, Detroit and Chicago. The displays were unusually fine and many contracts were closed for immediate and future shipment.

One of the features during the automobile show at Chicago, was the displaying of the Republic truck, Model "F", in the lobby of the New Southern hotel, the headquarters of more than two hundred dealers of the middle west. This light truck model has been the sensation of the big truck shows and the demands upon the factory will exceed the possible production.

During the past month the attention of more dealers has been called to the Republic line than at any time in its past history. Alma is particularly interested in the success of this factory, as it is already furnishing profitable employment for many of its citizens and the growth of the company will assure the growth of the city.

EXPORT TRADE DEFICIT

United States Hit Hard By War In Europe

The export trade of the United States has been very hard hit by the war, as is shown by the following figures:

Exports last December to Austria-Hungary amounted to only \$2,700, while in December, 1913, they totaled \$3,162,652.

Exports to Germany last month were \$2,194,025, against \$3,210,185 in December, 1913.

Belgium exports were \$758,282 in December, 1914, as against \$5,540,512 in December, 1913. Other figures for December, 1914, and December, 1913, with the former total first, are as follows:

Russia in Europe, \$479,429 against \$24,971,120.

France, \$37,585,679 against \$18,341,017.

The United Kingdom, \$83,863,254 against \$64,092,740.

Italy, \$26,162,688 as against \$9,109,962.

The Netherlands, \$12,420,784 against \$10,070,070.

Canada, \$18,379,707 against \$25,763,404.

Mexico, \$2,364,596 against \$3,171,161.

Cuba, \$5,810,326 against \$5,882,512.

Argentina, \$1,151,348 against \$4,737,855.

Brazil, \$1,431,998 as against \$2,128,097.

China, \$835,242 against \$1,788,005.

British India, \$842,553 against \$1,009,124.

Japan, \$5,098,191 against \$7,614,727.

Australia, \$3,549,813 against \$4,510,421.

NORTH STAR BOY SENTENCED

Joseph Mertens of North Star was brought before Judge Searl at Ithaca Tuesday of last week charged with a burglary which was committed several weeks ago at Pompei. Mertens pleaded guilty and was fined sixty days in the county jail and \$25 with a penalty of ninety days if the fine is not paid. Mertens has appeared in court before.

"UNCLE JOSH JINKINS" APPEARS THE 17TH

Fun—galore and all interwoven within a story that holds the auditor to the final fall of the curtain—that is the story in a nutshell of UNCLE JOSH JINKINS which will appear at Wright opera house on February 17, 1915. Managers have been asking for one old time comedy drama, and in response to their insistent demands the management of this attraction has prepared and launched what has proven to be one of the great winners of the present theatrical season.

All the familiar characters are present—Genial Uncle Josh, The Deacon, The Widder, The Town Clown, The School Committee, The School Teacher, in fact all the persons one would naturally find in every day life is to aid in making this an evening of pure fun and pleasure—and with it all the prices have been placed within the reach of all.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Dr. R. F. Erwin Honored By Michigan Veterinarians

Dr. R. F. Erwin of this city, one of the leading veterinarians of the state, was honored at Lansing, Feb. 2, by being elected president of the Michigan State Veterinary Medical association. He has taken an active interest in this association for many years. He has served as a member of the executive committee and was vice president of the society in 1911.

The officers of the association are as follows: President, R. F. Erwin, Alma; Vice President, F. M. Blatchfield, Brighton; Second Vice President, A. B. Curtice, Hillsdale; Third Vice President, J. S. McDaniels, East Lansing; Secretary-Treasurer, W. Austin Iwair, Mt. Clemens, who succeeds himself.

EXCELLENT BOUT

Brady And Kelly 128 Pound Champions Clash In Lively 10 Round Bout At Ithaca

A lively scientific bout by two of the best men for their weight in the central states was held at the Opera House at Ithaca, Tuesday evening, February 10. Kid Kelly champion 128 pounder of Illinois and Kid Brady champion 128 pounder of Michigan gave the spectators ten rounds of good scientific boxing.

It would be hard to give a decision on the match and it was without doubt a draw. Some preferences might be given for one or the other style but the writer does not care to give a decision. Kelly took the aggressive from the first round up to the final gong. Brady was on the defensive playing a waiting game and cleverly parrying and blocking the many swings and upercuts of Kelly. The boxers repeatedly clinched and a great many body blows were delivered in these clinches. It is seldom that one has an opportunity to see two boxers as evenly matched as they were. Brady is a little cleverer and faster when it comes to the fine points of the game due to the experience that he has. However he does not seem to have the "pep" back of his swing that Kelly uses. These boys have met before and fought practically to a draw.

Several good preliminaries were staged before the big bout. Alex Haslin placed one of his finds in the arena by the name of Spider Hoyte. Haslin has a corner in this boy who has a wonderful physique, deep chest and thick set heavy and muscular body. The boy put up a good battle and anyone with a strong imagination might see a future fighter in him.

Kid Enright of Bay City, weight 104½ pounds, boxed Taylor of Ithaca and put up a great battle. The general opinion among the fans was that this lad with the right training will clean up anything of his weight in a few years. He showed class last night, quick, clever with his delivery and capable of withstanding a lot of punishment. Taylor put up a good battle as well.

The details of the bout will be given in the next issue.

MICHIGAN CROP VALUE FOR 1914 AMOUNTS TO

The value of the 13 principal crops grown in Michigan, last year, totals \$39,889,000. Iowa leads all of the states by a crop value of \$351,450,000. Illinois follows with a value of \$319,659,000, Texas coming third with a value of \$288,335,000. Michigan is 14th on the list for crop value.

JOURNAL CRITICISM

Competitor Express Opinion In Last Issue

QUESTION CIRCULATION

Some Original Ideas Published By the Journal Regarding the Record

Our competitor, the Alma Journal, in their issue of last week made several radical statements and criticisms on the Advertiser's Booster Edition issued by The Record January 28.

In this edition we mailed sample copies of the paper to practically every home in Gratiot county. The idea of the edition was not to "extoll the virtues of Alma, its unequalled opportunities, its beauty, etc.," but to simply give the merchants of Alma and Gratiot county, an opportunity thru their advertisements in this paper to reach practically every family in Gratiot county.

The Journal criticizes the statement made by this paper that the success of any newspaper is partly based on the amount of good it accomplishes as an advertising medium. Experts claim that to put the best into a paper in the way of up-to-date news, and thus make it a success, several dollars must be received for advertising space sold, for every dollar paid by subscribers. What value does our critic give his advertisers in exchange for their money since taking this exceptional stand?

Primarily the good accomplished by the newspaper is the news that it publishes and the expression of public sentiment in its columns. However, the paper of today places the consumer in contact with the merchants to the mutual interest of both through its advertisements.

The opinion that the Journal tries to convey is that the Record places advertising first and the news of secondary importance. The small number of local columns of news that appear in the Journal is tripled every week by the Record. We are not so mercenary that we publish four columns of advertisements on the front page of this paper simply because of a little higher rate. The business men of Alma do not advertise in the Record because we are good fellows but simply because they secure results. Record advertising is not a charitable proposition.

The Record realizes the value of news and we do not think that any right minded person would attempt to compare the news value and service of the two papers. Some things are absurd.

The conservative guarantee that the Record has a 98 per cent. larger circulation in Alma than its nearest competitor is not denied by the Journal. They state that they have left the paper to stand on its merits alone and have not engaged in any active subscription campaign. This fact is more than evident, the small circulation attesting to the general opinion of the public in regard to the merits of the paper. They have preferred to let their work talk for itself and in their opinion their audience must be unusually hard of hearing.

The Journal announces that they are to make several important changes and improvements in the paper. This will be welcome news to the public as there is plenty of room for improvement. We will announce these important changes in our columns. This will be necessary in order that the public in general may realize these changes.

COMMITTED TO ASYLUM

Young Man Who Attempted Suicide Taken To Traverse City, Saturday

Floyd Fenner, the young man who took two ounces of carbolic acid last Thursday in an attempt to end his life, appeared before Judge Potts at Ithaca, Friday morning and was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum at Traverse City. Fenner was taken to the asylum Saturday by Under-Sheriff George Lewis.

Fenner had a very narrow escape and it was only through the untiring and skilful efforts of Dr. Brainerd that his life was saved. He was rushed to the Brainerd Hospital immediately after taking the poison. The acid burnt his stomach and throat very severely.

C. A. Allhouse of Detroit was in Alma, Saturday, transacting business, while here with Sharrar and Moore.

TABERNACLE TO BE ERECTED

Will Be Used For Evangelistic Campaign In March

A tabernacle that will seat 1350 people is to be erected immediately, and completed by the first of March, at the corner of Prospect avenue and Superior street. This temporary structure will be used to house the crowds of people who are expected to attend the Evangelistic meetings which are to be conducted by the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, and Church of Christ, during the first part of March.

Rev. Edward P. Loose, one of the most famous evangelists in the country today, has been secured to lead the services that are to be held in this city. He is a sincere and unusually impressive speaker who holds the eye and ear of his audience from the time that he appears on the platform until he has completed his sermon or lecture. His personality is so striking and so appealing, his impressive and eloquent delivery tend to



PROFESSOR LILLENAS Who Will Direct Music And Singing For Evangelistic Campaign

BUSINESS FAILURES

Free Trade Blamed To Some Extent For Large Number Of Business Wrecks

The record of commercial wreckage under a Free-Trade Tariff continues to contradict the assertions of the White House Schoolmaster, and his Free-Trade conductors that "prosperity is with us again." Bradstreet's of January 30 tells a different story. It shows that for the week ending January 28, 1915, there were in the United States 552 business failures, as against 551 for the week immediately preceding, 453 in the corresponding week of 1914 (Free Trade year), 361 in 1913, 312 in 1912 and 290 in 1911, the last three years being under a Protective Tariff, excepting the closing three months of 1913, when the Underwood Free-Trade Tariff was in operation. The showing of Bradstreet's of business failures is as follows:

Week ending	Weeks corresponding	Jan. 28, Jan. 21, to this week.
1915.	1915.	'14 '13 '12 '11
Middle	140	109 133 104 102 87
New England	41	49 45 31 29 36
Southeast	179	222 130 95 72 67
Western	98	96 84 73 65 72
Northwestern	40	29 25 30 20 13
Far-western	34	46 36 28 24 15
Total	552	551 453 361 212 200

MARY PICKFORD BUYS MAXWELL

Mary Pickford, the world's greatest motion picture star, and without doubt the highest paid motion picture actress in the world, has recently bought a Maxwell, 1915 model, automobile. As the price of the machine was immaterial to the "Queen of the Movies," her choice speaks very well for the Maxwell car.

H. R. Mason of Saginaw, transacted business in this city, Saturday.

bring many to the straight and narrow path.

Professor Lillenas, a well known musical director and writer of over seven hundred hymns and songs, will direct the singing and music at the meetings.

This will be the biggest campaign of its kind ever held in the county, and great interest is expected to be shown by Alma people and those in surrounding towns.

In order to procure the material for the tabernacle, it will be necessary to solicit funds from some of the Alma people. The building will be constructed of rough boards and covered with heavy paper, by volunteer labor. All are asked to assist in this undertaking. The building will be heated by stoves, eight will be required. Those having stoves which they are willing to loan for this purpose will communicate with the committee chairman, Henry Soule.

Rev. Loose is at present conducting a similar campaign at Cozad, Nebraska. The average number from the congregation who have been converted nightly is about twenty-five per cent.

ITHACA BOY ARRESTED IN DETROIT

Merton Coleman, son of well known Ithaca people, was recently arrested in Detroit for holding up the proprietor of a restaurant at 73 Grand River avenue.

Merton entered the restaurant and asked for a cigar. When an employee of the restaurant opened the cash register he demanded the contents, using a revolver to impress upon him the importance of his request. The contents of the register which amounted to \$11.00 were given him.

The police were immediately notified and Coleman was arrested several days later, and confessed to the crime.

AUCTION SALE

John D. Sullivan, administrator, will hold large auction sale, March 4, ½ mile west and ½ mile north of Alma. Watch for further announcement.

EXCELLENT MEET

Driving Club Races A Thorough Success

The Alma Driving Club held its fourth matinee last Thursday afternoon at their track on Pine River. A large crowd attended the meet and every heat was hotly contested. Most of the crowd were disappointed by the outcome of the first race. Highland Boy rode his hoppers too hard to stand the strain and was called distanced after the first and third heats. Cecil Hurst, owned by Bert Eckert, won the second and fourth heats by a nose from R. M. Hyde's pacer, George Robbins.

Summary:

Class A.	1	2	3	4	Dis.
Highland Boy, (Nagly)	1	4	1		
Cecil Hurst (Houseman)				1	
Geo. Robbins (R. M. Hyde)		4	1	2	1
			3	2	3
Time—¾ mile—49½ seconds.					
Class B.	1	2	3	4	Dis.
Angeline S. (McNabb)	2	3	4		
T. C. (Cooper)		1	1		
Meadow Boy (Hyde, H. J.)		2	2		
McSimmons (Cushing)		3	3		
Baron Hope (Plowman)		4	4		
Time—¾ mile—50½ seconds.					

FARMER'S INSTITUTE

Poor Weather Has Little Effect On Successful Institute

The Gratiot County Farmers' Club held a very successful meeting at the Wright Opera House, Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5. Not as many farmers attended as was expected, but taking the weather conditions into consideration the attendance was unusually good.

The institute was a very successful one and the committee in charge are to be commended for their splendid management. The following is the program of the two days of the institute:

Thursday.

9:45 A. M.—Invocation—Rev. Mason. Introductory remarks by C. A. VanDeventer.

10 A. M.—Judging the corn display at the Alma State Savings bank, by an expert from the Agricultural college, Lansing.

11:00 A. M.—Return to the opera house and have a discussion of the corn question.

11:30 A. M.—Question box.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:00 P. M.—Continue question box.

1:30 P. M.—The Dairy Cow and Her Care by F. L. Dean, of Sheridan.

2:00 P. M.—Discussion lead by C. F. Hainline and A. M. Fredericks.

2:30 P. M.—Handling poultry for egg production by C. H. Burgess, East Lansing.

3:00 P. M.—Discussion.

3:30 P. M.—Alfalfa Culture by F. L. Dean, of Sheridan.

EVENING SESSION

7:15 P. M.—Music by the school.

7:30 P. M.—The Boys and Girls on the Farm, F. L. Dean, Sheridan.

8:00 P. M.—Reading.

8:15 P. M.—The Mission of the School, by C. H. Burgess, East Lansing.

Friday.

9:30 A. M.—Question box.

10:00 A. M.—Beans as a Money Crop by F. L. Dean, Sheridan.

10:30 A. M.—Discussion.

11:00 A. M.—Beet Culture, by L. W. Oviatt, Bay City.

11:30 A. M.—Discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:00 P. M.—Question box. Music.

1:30 P. M.—Maintenance of Soil Fertility, by C. H. Burgess.

2:00 P. M.—Discussion.

2:30 P. M.—Crop Rotation and Successful Farm Management, by L. W. Oviatt, Bay City. Discussion.

"UNCLE JOSH JINKINS" BOOKED FOR THE 17TH.

After a long line of problem-plays and alleged comedies, the attraction at the Wright Opera house on February 17, 1915 will be a decided relief. "Uncle Josh Jinkins" is the name of the play, and it has a story of heart interest equal to "Way Down East" or "The Old Homestead," together is combined a play that is designed to give an evening of pure fun. The characters are taken from every-day life and present the comedy side of any small town. A company of unequalled excellence have been engaged for this season and it will undoubtedly be greeted with a full house here as in all the other cities visited. The cast is headed by John A. Preston as "Uncle Josh" and Olive Eaton in the character of the school teacher. That in itself is a guarantee of its merit. Popular prices prevail.

C. F. BROWN RETIRES

Well Known Business Man Gives Up Active Work

POOR HEALTH CAUSES ACTION

Has Long Been Connected With Gratiot County Gas Company

Due to his recent illness and general breakdown in health, C. F. Brown, president and manager of Gratiot County Gas company, will relinquish active management of the company for the present. Mrs. Brown has piloted this company successfully through its infancy period to a point where the success of the company is assured. The effort has made marked inroads on his health, however, and his physician's orders are that he refrain from all active management of the company's affairs until he can recuperate. He will retain the presidency of the company, however, as his influence, though indirect, is such that the company cannot afford to lose it. The citizens of Alma, St. Louis, Ithaca and Breckenridge are indebted to Mr. Brown for having made it possible for these communities to have gas for fuel and lighting; it was almost entirely through the efforts of Mr. Brown that the organization of the Gratiot County Gas company was brought about.

It is the hope of the citizens of Alma that Mr. Brown, after a period of rest and recuperation, will regain his broken health and at a future date again participate in the active management of the concern he has fostered.

Mr. Brown, as president of the company has appointed Mr. Angus Leitch, formerly assistant manager of the company, to succeed himself.

CORN EXHIBITION

Exhibits Judged Thursday At Alma States Savings Bank

The judging of the corn entered in the First Annual Corn Show at the Alma State Savings Bank was held Thursday morning, February 4, in connection with the Farmers' Institute. There were over 75 exhibits, making one of the finest exhibitions of its kind ever seen in central Michigan. The official score card of the Michigan Agricultural College covers the four particular features and constitutes the basis on which they judge all corn. The rules follow:

1.—Adaptability. Is the corn of the proper size to grow under your soil and climatic conditions and will it ripen as judged by the hardness and dryness of ear, weight of ear, brightness of color, etc.?

2.—Yielding Qualities. Is the corn capable of making a satisfactory yield as judged by the weight of ear, length and proportion of ear, depth of kernels, space between kernels, and filling out of butts and tips?

3.—Germinating Quality. Will the corn grow as judged by the firmness and dryness of ear, weight of ear in proportion to size, plumpness of kernel at tip, non-adherence of cob chaff to kernels, color of germs, freedom from blisters or wrinkles in seed coat, freedom from mold and rotten kernels and freedom from breaking off of tip caps?

4.—Breeding. Has it a distinct type? Is it the right type? Does it show selection and breeding? These may be judged by the uniformity in size and shape of ear, indentation, color of grain and cob, number of rows, size of kernel, etc.

Total.

7,500,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT MARKETING IN SIX MONTHS

Seven million, five hundred thousand bushels of wheat have been marketed in Michigan during the past six months, states Secretary of State, Vaughn, in the crop report issued February 6. The total amount marketed last month was 339,309 bushels. Four hundred and sixty-five crop correspondents say wheat was not damaged last month while eighty-one report injury to wheat.

Mrs. McLaren who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, is somewhat better at this writing.

M. A. Holmes, the salesmanager of the Republic Motor Truck company, recently returned from a six weeks' trip to the Pacific coast, where he visited all of the agencies of the company while on this trip.